

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (4N) 99.99% Copper Germanium Selenide

**Product Code:** CU-GESE-04-C

**CAS Number:** 54723-90-9

**Relevant identified uses of the substance:** Scientific research and development

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

GHS06 skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 3 H301 Toxic if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 3 H331 Toxic if inhaled.

GHS08 health hazard

STOT RE 2 H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

GHS09 environment

Aquatic Acute 1 H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.

Aquatic Chronic 1 H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC

T; Toxic

R23/25: Toxic by inhalation and if swallowed.

N; Dangerous for the environment

R50/53: Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

R33: Danger of cumulative effects.

Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment: Not applicable

Other hazards that do not result in classification No information known.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 The substance is classified and labelled

according to the CLP regulation.  
Hazard pictograms



GHS06 GHS08 GHS09

Signal word Danger

Hazard statements

H301 Toxic if swallowed.

H331 Toxic if inhaled.

H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor/...

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

2.3 Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

CAS# Designation:

54723-90-9 Copper germanium selenide

Identification number(s):

Index number: 034-002-00-8

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## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General information

Instantly remove any clothing soiled by the product.

Remove breathing apparatus only after soiled clothing has been completely removed.

In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.

After inhalation

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm. Consult doctor if symptoms persist.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Instantly wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After eye contact Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult doctor.

After swallowing Do not induce vomiting; instantly call for medical help.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed No further relevant information

available.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed No further relevant information available.

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## **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing agents Special powder for metal fires. Do not use water.

For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents Water.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Selenium dioxide (SeO<sub>2</sub>)

Copper oxides

Germanium oxide

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

Wear full protective suit.

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## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

### 6.2 Environmental precautions: Do not allow product to reach sewage system or water bodies.

### 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Prevention of secondary hazards: No special measures required.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for information on disposal.

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## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Keep containers tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.

Open and handle container with care.

Information about protection against explosions and fires: No information known.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage

Requirements to be met by storerooms and containers: No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Do not store together with acids.

Store away from oxidising agents.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

Store in a locked cabinet or with access restricted to technical experts or their assistants.

7.3 Specific end use(s) No further relevant information available.

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## **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Additional information about design of technical systems:

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

### 8.1 Control parameters

Components with critical values that require monitoring at the workplace:

The product does not contain any relevant quantities of materials with critical values that have to be monitored at the workplace.

Additional information: No data

### 8.2 Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

General protective and hygienic measures

The usual precautionary measures should be adhered to in handling the chemicals.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and food.

Instantly remove any soiled and impregnated garments.

Wash hands during breaks and at the end of the work.

Store protective clothing separately.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

Breathing equipment: Use self-contained respiratory protective device in emergency situations.

Protection of hands:

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

Material of gloves Impervious gloves

Eye protection: Safety glasses

Body protection: Protective work clothing.

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## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

General Information

Appearance:

Form: Pieces

Smell: Not determined

Odour threshold: Not determined.

pH-value: Not applicable.

Melting point/Melting range: Not determined

Boiling point/Boiling range: Not determined

Sublimation temperature / start: Not determined

Inflammability (solid, gaseous) Not determined.

Ignition temperature: Not determined

Decomposition temperature: Not determined

Self-inflammability: Not determined.

Danger of explosion: Not determined.

Critical values for explosion:

Lower: Not determined

Upper: Not determined  
Steam pressure: Not applicable.  
Density Not determined  
Relative density Not determined.  
Vapour density Not applicable.  
Evaporation rate Not applicable.  
Solubility in / Miscibility with Water: Not determined  
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): Not determined.  
Viscosity:  
dynamic: Not applicable.  
kinematic: Not applicable.  
9.2 Other information No further relevant information available.

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## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

10.1 Reactivity No information known.  
10.2 Chemical stability Stable under recommended storage conditions.  
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: No decomposition if used and stored according to specifications.  
10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions Reacts with strong oxidising agents  
10.4 Conditions to avoid No further relevant information available.  
10.5 Incompatible materials:  
Acids  
Oxidising agents  
10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:  
Selenium dioxide (SeO<sub>2</sub>)  
Copper oxides  
Germanium oxide

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

11.1 Information on toxicological effects  
Acute toxicity:  
Toxic if inhaled.  
Toxic if swallowed.  
The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for this substance.  
LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification: No data  
Skin irritation or corrosion: May cause irritation  
Eye irritation or corrosion: May cause irritation  
Sensitization: No sensitizing effect known.  
Germ cell mutagenicity: No effects known.  
Carcinogenicity:  
EPA-D: Not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity: inadequate human and animal evidence of carcinogenicity or no data are available.  
IARC-3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.  
The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains tumorigenic and/or carcinogenic and/or neoplastic data for this substance.  
Reproductive toxicity: The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains reproductive data for this substance.  
Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure: May cause damage to organs through

prolonged or repeated exposure.

Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: No effects known.

Aspiration hazard: No effects known.

Subacute to chronic toxicity: The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains multiple dose toxicity data for this substance.

Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

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## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### 12.1 Toxicity

Aquatic toxicity: No further relevant information available.

12.2 Persistence and degradability No further relevant information available.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential No further relevant information available.

12.4 Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.

Ecotoxicological effects:

Remark: Very toxic for fish

Additional ecological information:

General notes:

Water danger class 3 (Self-assessment): extremely hazardous for water.

Do not allow product to reach ground water, water bodies or sewage system, even in small quantities.

Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into soil.

Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.

May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Very toxic for aquatic organisms

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

12.6 Other adverse effects No further relevant information available.

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## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

Recommendation

Hand over to disposers of hazardous waste.

Must be specially treated under adherence to official regulations.

Consult state, local or national regulations for proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

UN-Number

ADR, IMDG, IATA UN3283

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR 3283 SELENIUM COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Copper germanium selenide)

IMDG, IATA SELENIUM COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Copper germanium selenide)

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR

Class 6.1 (T5) Toxic substances.

Label 6.1

IMDG, IATA

Class 6.1 Toxic substances.

Label 6.1

Packing group

ADR, IMDG, IATA III

14.5 Environmental hazards: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid

14.6 Special precautions for user Warning: Toxic substances.

Kemler Number: 60

EMS Number: F-A,S-A

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC

Code Not applicable.

Transport/Additional information:

ADR

Excepted quantities (EQ): E1

Limited quantities (LQ) 5 kg

Transport category 2

Tunnel restriction code E

UN "Model Regulation": UN3283, SELENIUM COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Copper germanium selenide), 6.1, III

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances Substance is not listed.

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons Substance is not listed.

National regulations

Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

Employment restrictions concerning young persons must be observed.

Water hazard class: Water danger class 3 (Self-assessment): extremely hazardous for water.

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

ELINCS (European List of Notified Chemical Substances) Substance is not listed.

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.

Substance is not listed.

The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No

1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on

the market and use must be observed.

Substance is not listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use) Substance is not listed.

15.2 Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for

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